

Discipline

PUBLIC DISCIPLINE

Oct. 23 THROUGH Dec. 27, 2004

Delaware County

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court on Nov. 4 ordered **Robert Thomas Gibson** suspended for one year, retroactive to Dec. 9, 2002, the date he was placed on temporary suspension. According to the disciplinary report, Gibson was arrested on charges of public drunkenness and disorderly conduct in 2000 after taking part in a bar fight, during which he was punched in the nose. "At the police station, [Gibson] spat and later hit a police officer while being handcuffed to a gurney so he could be taken to the hospital for treatment of his nose injury," the report said. A majority of the Disciplinary Board recommended a private reprimand followed by immediate dissolution of the temporary suspension and reinstatement to practice. Four members of the board dissented in favor of a one-year suspension, retroactive to the effective date of the order of temporary suspension. The court on Nov. 23 ordered Gibson reinstated to practice.

Erie County

The Supreme Court on Dec. 22 ordered **David MacGregor Neil** suspended for one year and one day, as recommended by a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Neil was transferred to inactive status in 2003 for failing to comply with continuing legal education requirements. The report said, "The record demonstrates that although [Neil] had knowledge that he had been transferred to inactive status, he continued to represent three clients in ongoing legal matters. ..."

Philadelphia

The Supreme Court on Dec. 13 ordered **Gwendolyn N. Harmon**, aka **Gwen Norman**, suspended for three years, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Harmon commingled fiduciary funds with personal funds and used client funds from her escrow account to pay personal bills. The report also said she failed to answer the disciplinary charges and failed to appear at a pre-hearing conference and a scheduled hearing.

Venango County

The Supreme Court on Dec. 13 ordered **James A. Hickey** suspended for six months, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, Hickey was convicted in 2002 of resisting arrest after a traffic stop for a broken headlight. The report added that Hickey "had previously sued the police officer involved in the incident and a professional animus existed between [Hickey] and the officer."

The court on Dec. 22 ordered **Kenton R. O'Neil** suspended for one year and one day, as recommended by the Disciplinary Board. According to the disciplinary report, O'Neil twice failed to appear to receive an informal admonition for client neglect.

Out of State

The Supreme Court on Dec. 13 ordered **Sharon Goldin-Didinsky**, aka **Sharon Goldin Ciborowski**, suspended for one year and one day, as recommended by a majority of the Disciplinary Board. One member dissented in favor of a suspension of at least two years. The disciplinary report said Goldin-Didinsky, formerly of Moorestown, N.J., and currently of Springfield, Va., was placed on inactive status in 1995 for failing to file an annual registration and pay the annual fee but performed legal work in Pennsylvania for clients in two instances in 2001.

Disbarments on Consent

The following attorneys have been disbarred on consent under a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to resignations by attorneys under disciplinary investigation: **Holly Stevens Furne**, Chester County, on Nov. 16; **Cornelia Farrell Maggio**, out of state, on Nov. 16; and **Stuart Warren Kessler**, Montgomery County, on Nov. 16.

Reciprocal Discipline

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has imposed reciprocal discipline on the following attorneys: **Robert S. Fisher**, suspended for three months, consecutive with a suspension ordered by the court on July 29, 2004, in response to his suspension by the Supreme Court of New Jersey, on Nov. 16; **Kathleen M. Quigley**, aka **Kathleen M. Vella**, suspended for three months, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey, on Dec. 13; **Joe Carl Ashworth**, suspended, in response to an indefinite suspension ordered by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, on Dec. 13; **John Wilson Davis II**, disbarred, for like discipline imposed by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, on Dec. 17; **L. Van Stillman**, disbarred, for disbarment on consent ordered by the Supreme Court of Florida, on Dec. 17; **Philip L. Kantor**, disbarred, for like discipline imposed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey, on Dec. 17; and **John A. Evans**, suspended for three months, in response to like discipline ordered by the Supreme Court of New Jersey, on Dec. 22.

Temporary Suspension – Rule 214

The following attorneys have been placed on temporary suspension under a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to attorneys convicted of serious crimes: **David Francis Luvara**, Philadelphia, on Dec. 13; **Thomas James Bonavita**, Warren County, on Dec. 17; and **Charles C. Wright**, Philadelphia, on Dec. 22.

TRANSFER TO INACTIVE STATUS

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The following attorney has been transferred to inactive status in connection with a rule of disciplinary enforcement pertaining to respondents in disciplinary proceedings who are suffering from a disability and are unable to prepare an adequate defense: **John P. Orsini**, Allegheny County, on Nov. 17.

REINSTATEMENTS

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The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has approved the reinstatement of the following individuals: **Dean Ian Weitzman**, Philadelphia, from a three-year suspension retroactive to March 13, 2000, on Nov. 17; and **Robert Thomas Gibson**, Delaware County, from a one-year suspension retroactive to Dec. 9, 2002, on Nov. 23.